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JANUARY 21, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT  
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM  
SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEMS

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TRY TO SEND ONE OF ITS BRISTOL BRITANNIA TURBOPROPS FROM  
EASTERN CUBA TO GUINEA BISSAU, THE FIRST NONSTOP TRANS-  
ATLANTIC CROSSING ATTEMPTED WITH ITS OWN CIVIL AIRCRAFT.  
THE AIRCRAFT IS SLATED TO LEAVE THE CAPITAL, REFUEL IN  
HOLGUIN ON THE EASTERN END OF THE ISLAND, AND THEN MAKE  
THE 3,510 NAUTICAL MILE CROSSING TO GUINEA BISSAU. A  
BRITANNIA'S MAXIMUM RANGE WITH A FULL PAYLOAD IS ABOUT  
3,700 NM, GIVING IT AN ESTIMATED FIVE PERCENT FUEL MARGIN,  
ACCORDING TO DIA,

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ROC SAM DEVELOPMENT: THE ROC COMMANDER OF THE COMBINED  
SERVICE FORCES HAS REPORTEDLY ORDERED A STUDY OF THE  
FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING THE CHARARRAL SAM SYSTEM FOR  
THE ARMY. THE NAVY HAS CHARARRALS DEPLOYED ON FOUR DE-  
STROYERS, AND THIS ACQUIRED TECHNOLOGY WOULD BE THE BASIS  
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GROUND-BASED SYSTEM. TAIPEI IS

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ALSO INTERESTED IN ACQUIRING THE FRANCO-GERMAN ROLAND II SAM; WHETHER THE CHINESE WANT THE MOBILE LAND-BASED SYSTEM OR THE NAVAL VERSION IS NOT KNOWN. THE NATIONALISTS ALREADY HAVE THE FIXED-POSITION HAWK AND NIKEMHERCULES SAM SYSTEMS. ACCORDING TO DIA, EITHER THE ROLAND OR THE CHAPARRAL MOBILE SYSTEMS WOULD ADD FLEXIBILITY TO TAIWAN'S AIR DEFENSE.

#### THE WASHINGTON STAR

DAN KURZMAN WRITES THAT MANY LEADING ISRAELIS NOW FEEL THAT PARTITION OF LEBANON, TORN BY BLOODY CIVIL WAR, MAY BE INEVITABLE AND COULD NOT BE PREVENTED EVEN BY ISRAELI MILITARY ACTION. THERE WERE PRESS REPORTS TODAY THAT PRIME MINISTER RABIN IS SO CONCERNED ABOUT LEBANON THAT HE MAY POSTPONE HIS VISIT TO THE U.S., SCHEDULED FOR LATER THIS MONTH. (A-1)

ACCORDING TO JEREMIAH O'LEARY, THE LEBANESE CIVIL WAR HAS NOW REACHED THE FLASH-POINT WHERE ONE ILL-ADVISED MOVE BY ANY OF THE EMBATTLED FACTIONS, OR THE POISED ARMIES OF EITHER SYRIA OR ISRAEL, COULD TRIGGER A NEW INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT. (A-3)

THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS CONCLUDED THAT CIA OFFICIALS CANNOT BE PROSECUTED UNDER FEDERAL LAWS FOR RECENTLY REVEALED PLOTS TO ASSASSINATE FOREIGN LEADERS. (A-7)

VERNON GUIDRY, IN AN ITEM ON THE NEW DEFENSE BUDGET, SAYS THAT AS IN THE PAST, FORD HELD OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE U.S. WILL HAVE TO STEP UP ITS STRATEGIC FORCES UNLESS PROGRESS IS MADE ON SALT WITH THE SOVIET UNION. AT THE PENTAGON IT WAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE PROSPECT OF CONTINUING PRODUCTION OF THE MINUTEMAN III IS BEING KEPT ALIVE PENDING OUTCOME OF THE TALKS. (A-11)

UPI REPORTS THAT SOVIET-ARMED TROOPS WHO FAILED IN THEIR CAMPAIGN TO OVERRUN HUAMBO, ARE REGROUPING FOR A SECOND AND POSSIBLY DECISIVE ASSAULT, ACCORDING TO PRO-WESTERN MILITARY SOURCES. (A-13)

AN EDITORIAL ON THE WIDENING WAR IN LEBANON CLAIMS THAT DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE LAST FEW DAYS THREATEN A WIDER CONFLICT IN WHICH OUTSIDE FORCES ARE LIKELY TO BECOME INCREASINGLY INVOLVED. MOST OMINOUS OF ALL, IS THE RECENT INVOLVEMENT IN LEBANON OF UNITS OF THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ARMY, NORMALLY STATIONED IN SYRIA. ALTHOUGH THE SYRIAN-BASED PLA NUMBER PROBABLY NO MORE THAN A FEW THOUSAND MEN, THEIR PRESENCE IN LEBANON COULD BE DECISIVE. THEY COULD ALSO PROVIDE A COVER FOR THE INFILTRATION OF REGULAR SYRIAN ARMED FORCES IN PLA UNIFORMS. THIS LAST DEVELOPMENT GREATLY INCREASES THE DANGER OF ISRAELI INTER-

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VENTION IN LEBANON, (A-18)

DAVID ANDELMAN REPORTS THAT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE  
ARE BEING MOVED FROM ONE PART OF CAMBODIA TO ANOTHER FRE-  
QUENTLY AT GUNPOINT, IN A MIGRATION THAT RIVALS THE FORCED  
EVACUATION FROM PHNOM PENH LAST APRIL. /

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